



Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission  
Plans Review Subcommittee  
Special On-Site Meeting  
**Monday, March 8, 2010**

**LEGAL ACTION REPORT**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call: 10:08 a.m.

Commissioners: Teresita Majewski (Chair), Kathy Nabours, Demion Clinco, Sharon Chadwick  
Staff: Frank S. Podgorski, Jonathan Mabry

2. Rio Nuevo Downtown Zone:

RND 09-03 Rialto Block-Façade Improvements; 300 East Congress Street (Northwest Entryway) (Rio Nuevo Downtown Zone)

Presentation by Don Martin, owner, on the historic entryway located on the northwest corner of the Rialto Building along East Congress Street/North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Discussion on the approvals received to this date including the recessed entryway, prismatic glass, marble wainscoting and floor tile. The issue before the plans review subcommittee today is the location and appearance of the prismatic glass that is recessed along with the recessed entryway and not carried across the front façade along East Congress Street and North 5th Avenue. Mr. Martin requests that the prismatic glass, as existing, remain in place. He also offered to install a wall plaque citing the historic significance of the building and its rehabilitation as part of the Façade Improvement Program. Commissioner Clinco stated that although the entryway space is "inviting", the existing configuration of the prismatic glass along with the soffit, should have been reviewed and a recommendation made prior to installation. The Congress Hotel entryway across East Congress on the northeast corner of East Congress/North 5th Avenue is squared to the corner of the building and the prismatic glass above spans the entire south and west elevations.

Commissioner Majewski stated the *rehabilitation* of the Rialto building as an adaptive reuse does not have to be a *restoration* to its original appearance. Dr. Mabry agreed that the existing prismatic glass configuration would not compromise the State's inclusion of the Rialto building in the National Register of Historic Places.

Motion by Commissioner Clinco to recommend approval of the existing location of the prismatic glass and soffit at the northwest corner entryway of the Rialto building and to return to the plans review subcommittee with the materials, color and text of Mr. Martin's proposed historic plaque.

Seconded by Kathy Nabours.

Motion passed unanimously. Vote 4-0. Chair Majewski voted to sustain a quorum.

3. Call to the Audience: No one to speak.
4. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.